THE GHOST BLADE.
THE CITY OF GUIR.

THE ELVARIAN SAY "THAT YOU ARE EITHER BORN WITH A BLADE OR BORN AS A SLAVE." FIGHTING AND PROTECTING THE WEAK IS PART OF OUR CULTURE.

AS A CHILD, I DREAMT OF BECOMING A PRIESTESS IN THE ORDER OF THE SHA DO KA. I WANTED TO HELP OTHERS. BRING PEACE TO THIS WORLD.

LITTLE DID I KNOW THAT
PEACE WOULD COME AT
THE END OF A BLADE.

CHAPTER 21

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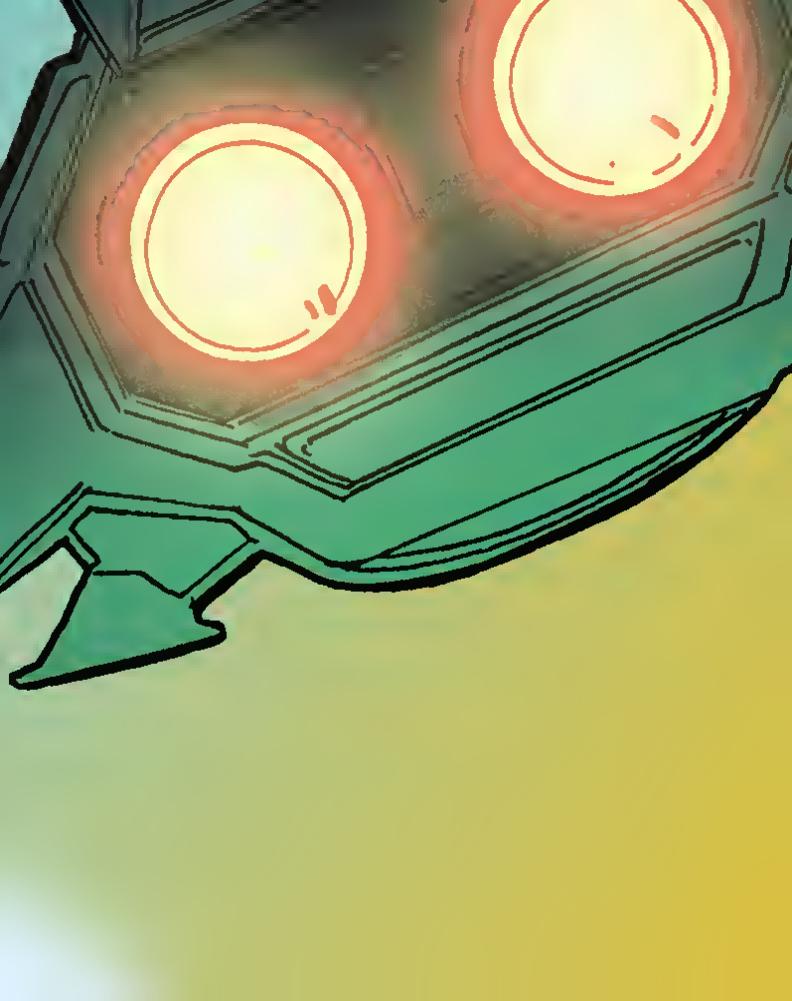
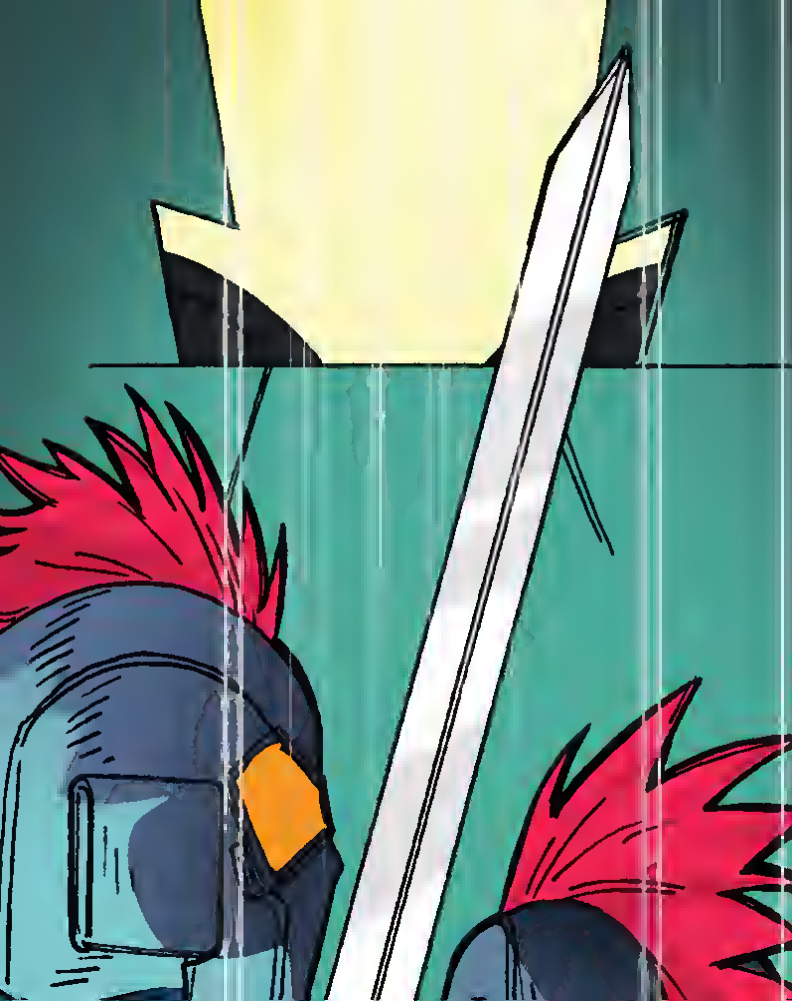
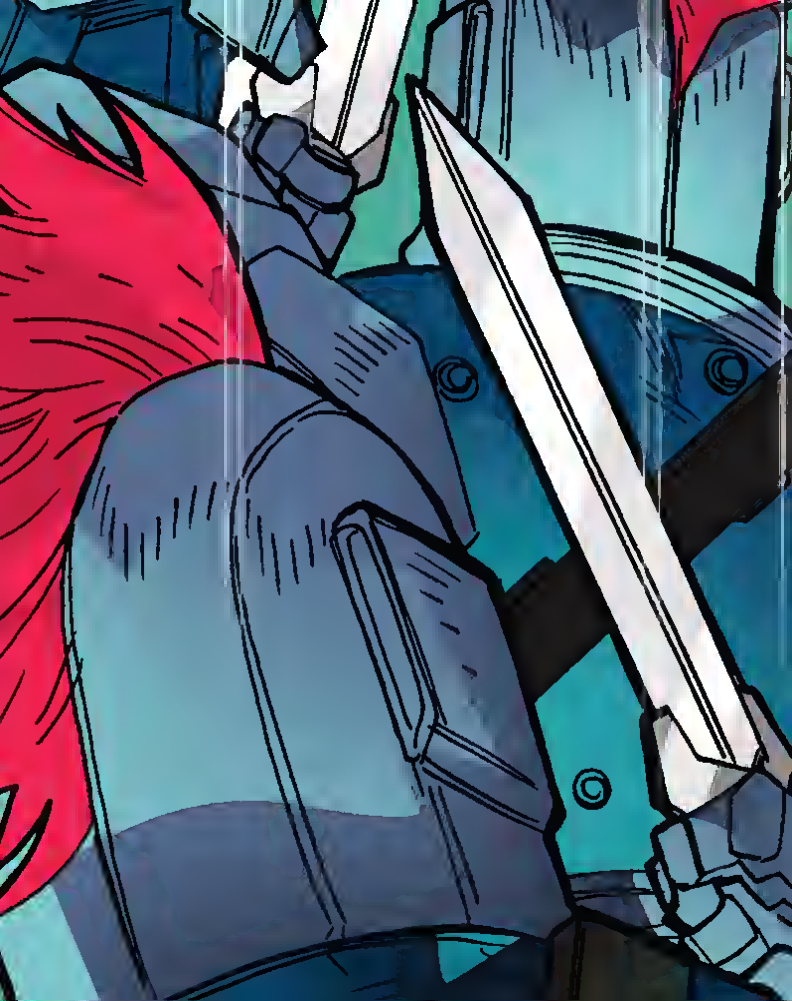
YOU PICKED THE WRONG SHIP TO ATTACK. LEAVE IN PEACE OR MEET YOUR DOOM.
GRRRR...



I'LL TAKE THAT AS A NO.





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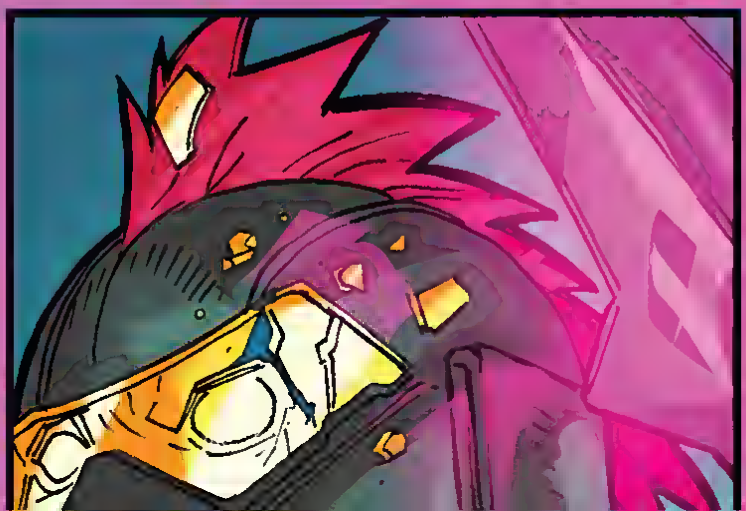


THE SHA DO KA TAUGHT ME TO GIVE YOUR ENEMY A CHANCE TO SURRENDER OR LEAVE IN PEACE. IT'S A LESSON FOR THE WARRIOR AND THEIR OPPONENT.

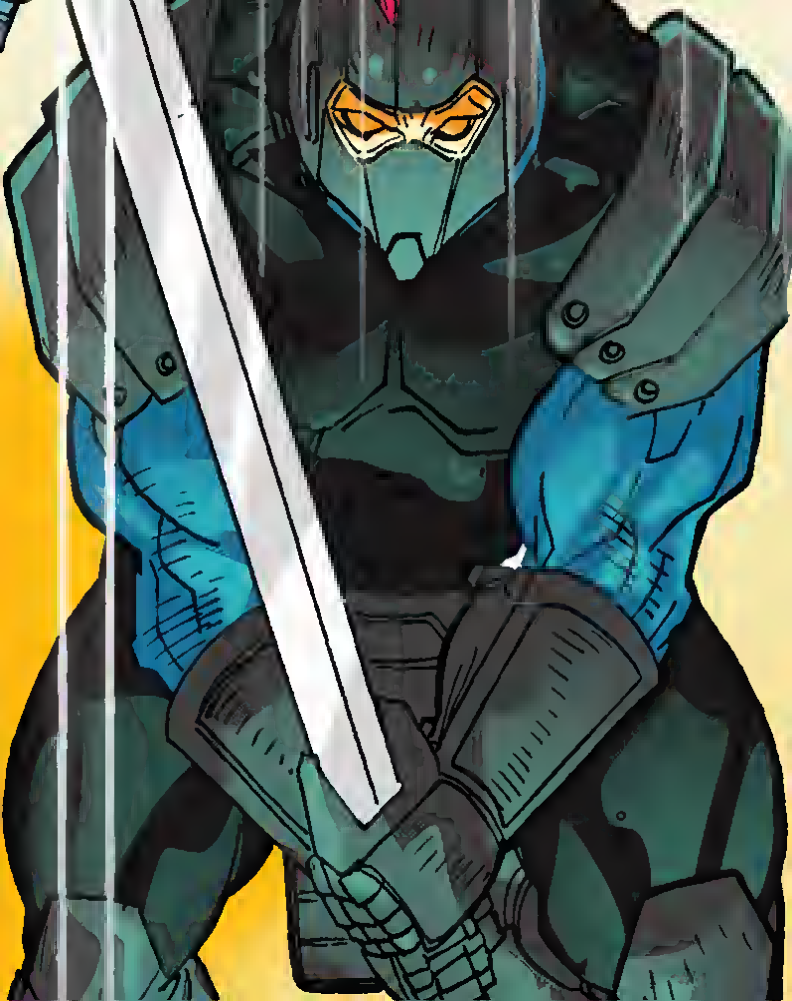
IF YOUR ENEMY DOES NOT SEE THE VALUE IN YOUR OFFER, THE LESSON THEY MUST LEARN IS TO ACCEPT KINDNESS OF A SUPERIOR OPPONENT. EVEN IF IT RESULTS IN THEIR FINAL BREATH. THE WARRIOR MUST LEARN, THAT ONCE THE OFFER HAS BEEN REJECTED THAT THEY MUST SHOW NO MERCY. THE BALANCE AND TRUTH MUST BE MAINTAINED. SUCH IS THE ELVARIAN WAY. SUCH IS THE WAY OF THE SHA DO KA.

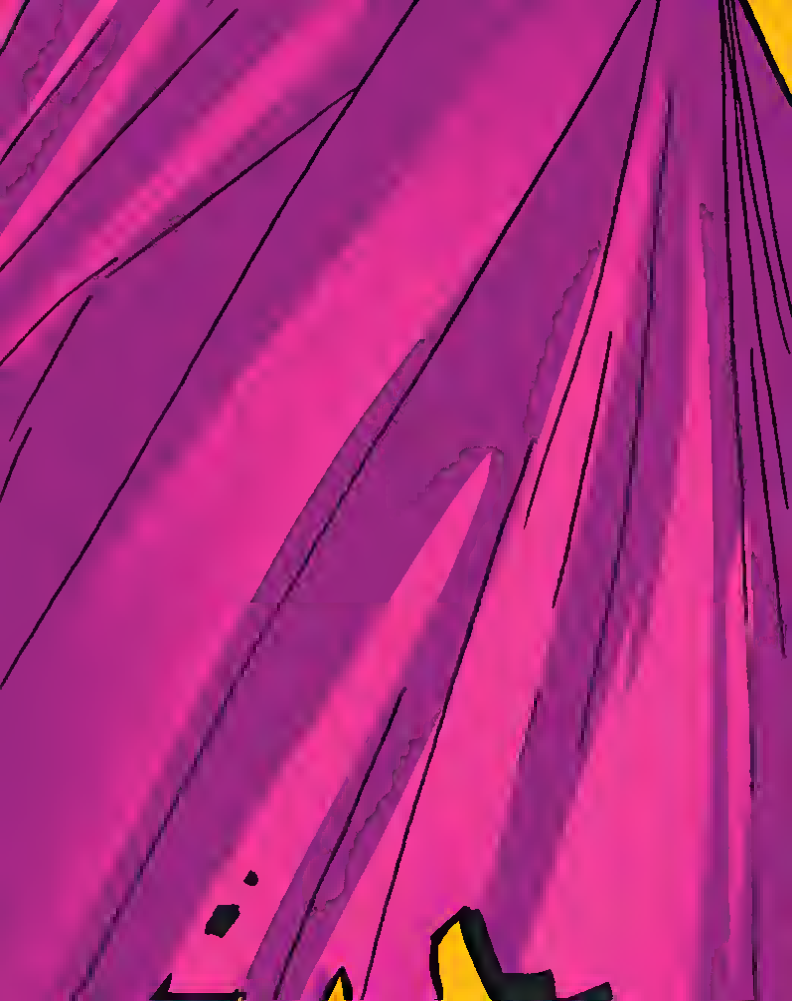
TWACK
ARGHH!

AHH

CHAF
Uh-oh.

SLAM





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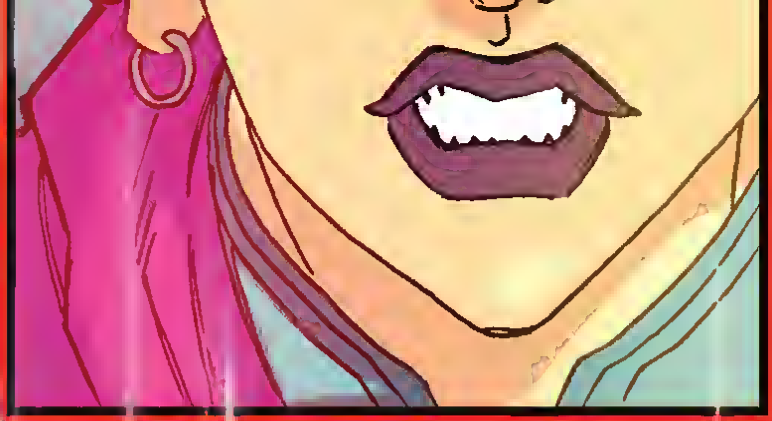

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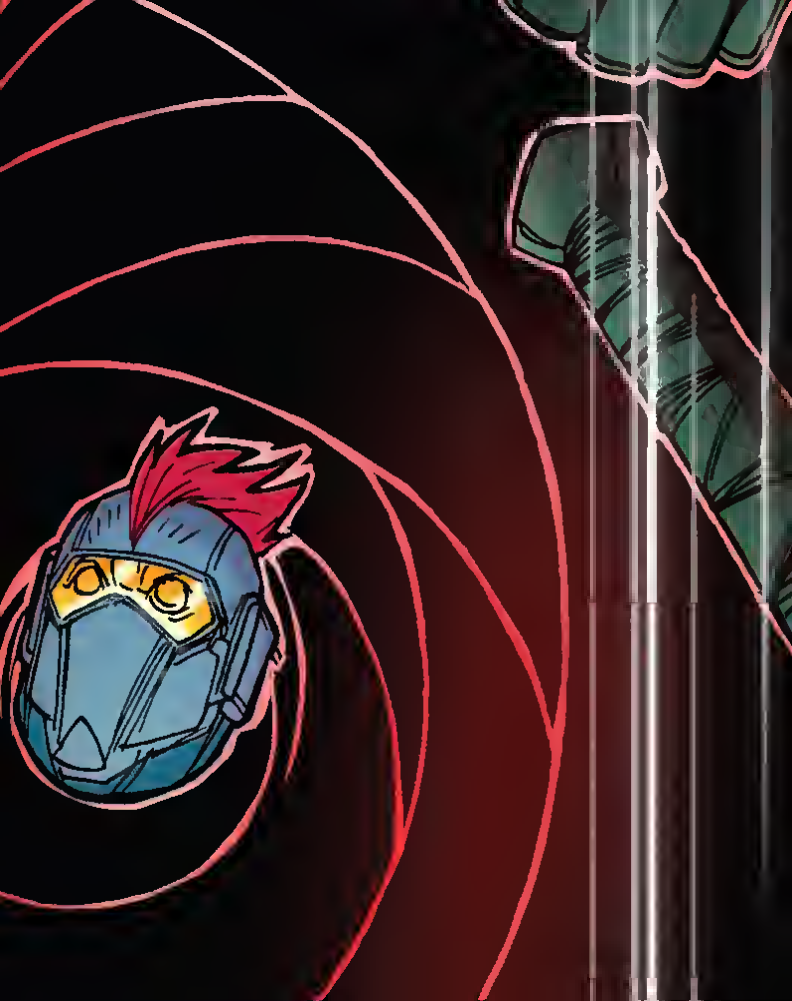

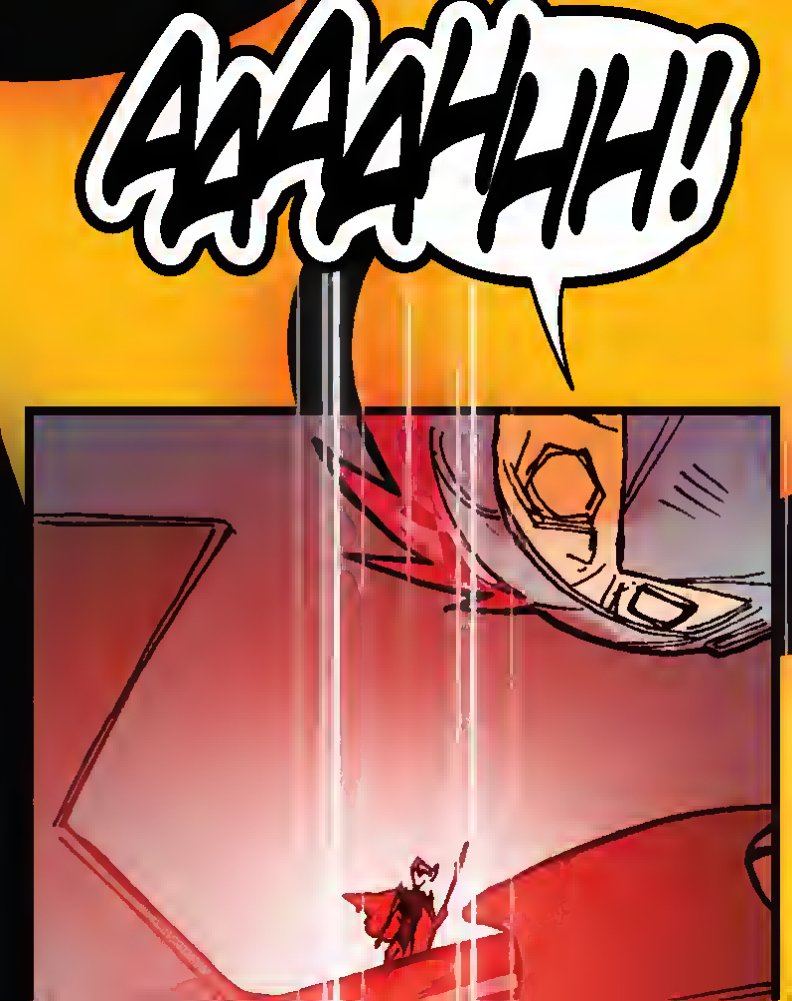
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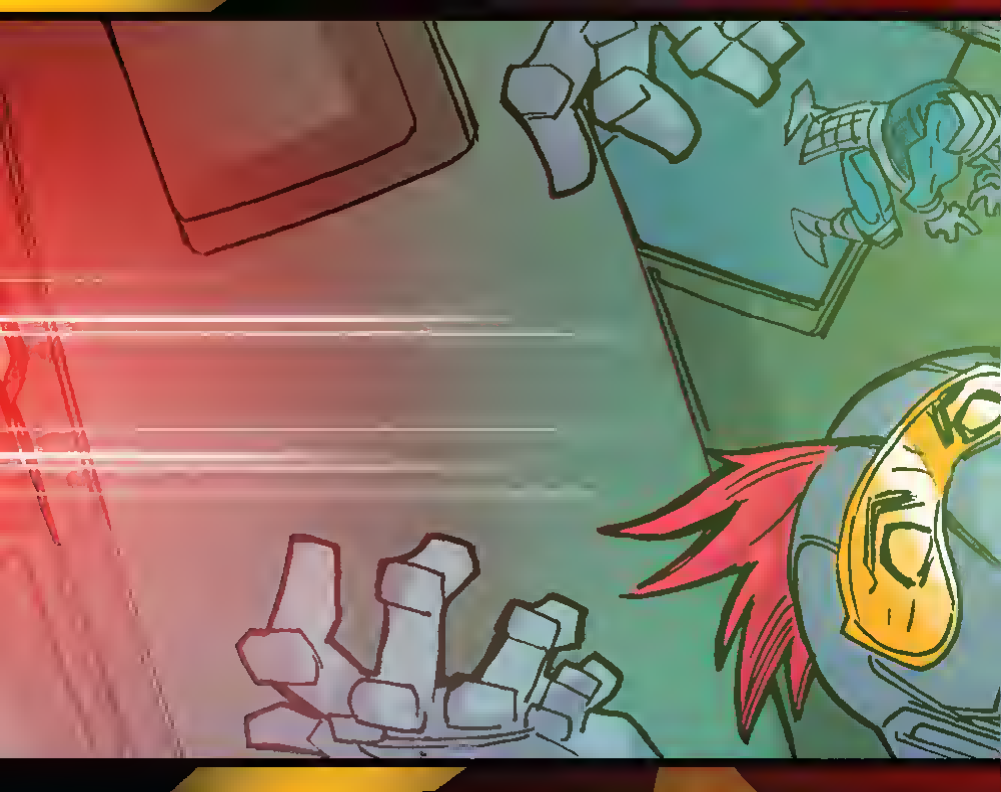
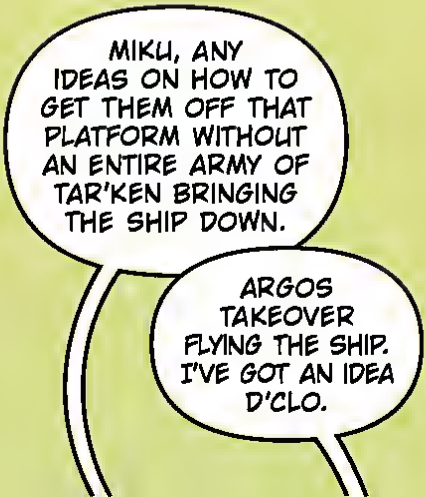


MIKU,

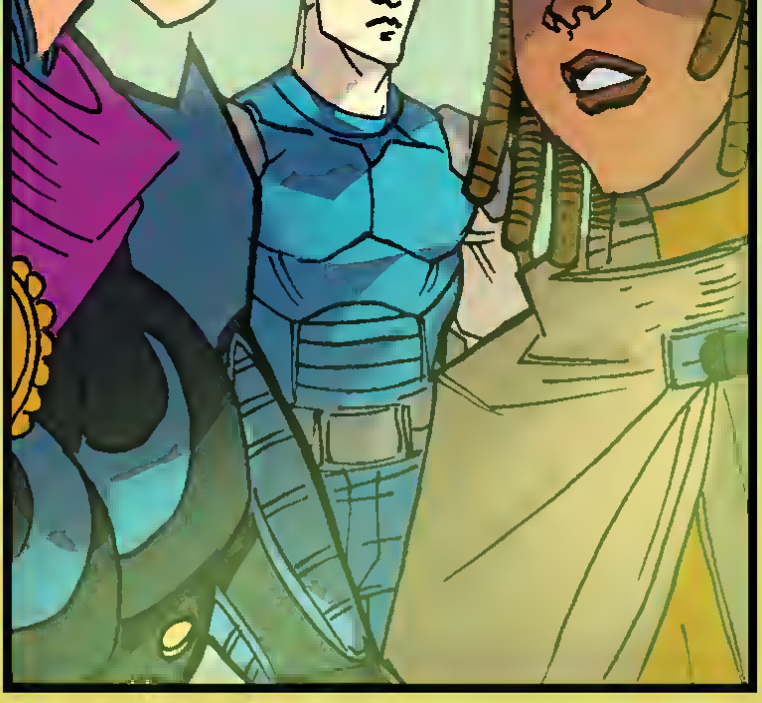
ARGOS I'M BACK ON BOARD.

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE TAR'KEN?
I TAUGHT THEM A

LESSON.


MIKU, ANY IDEAS ON HOW TO GET THEM OFF THAT PLATFORM WITHOUT AN ENTIRE ARMY OF TAR'KEN BRINGING THE SHIP DOWN.
ARGOS TAKEOVER FLYING THE SHIP. I'VE GOT AN IDEA D'CLO.

WHAT'S YOUR PLAN.
TRUST ME.



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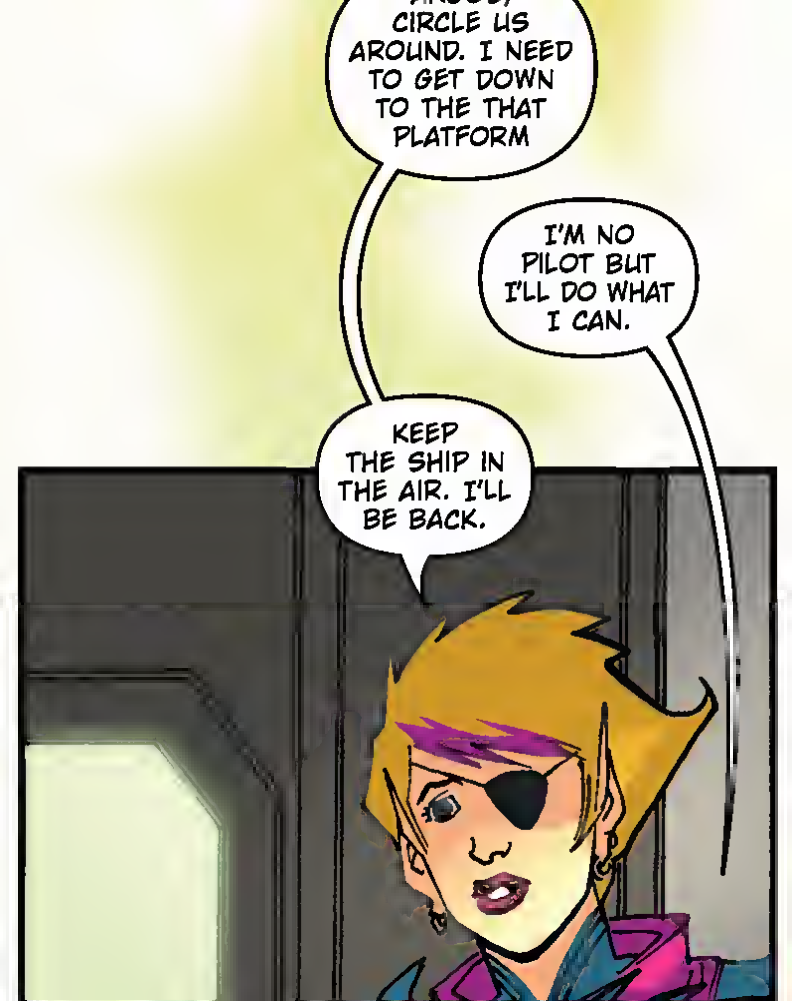
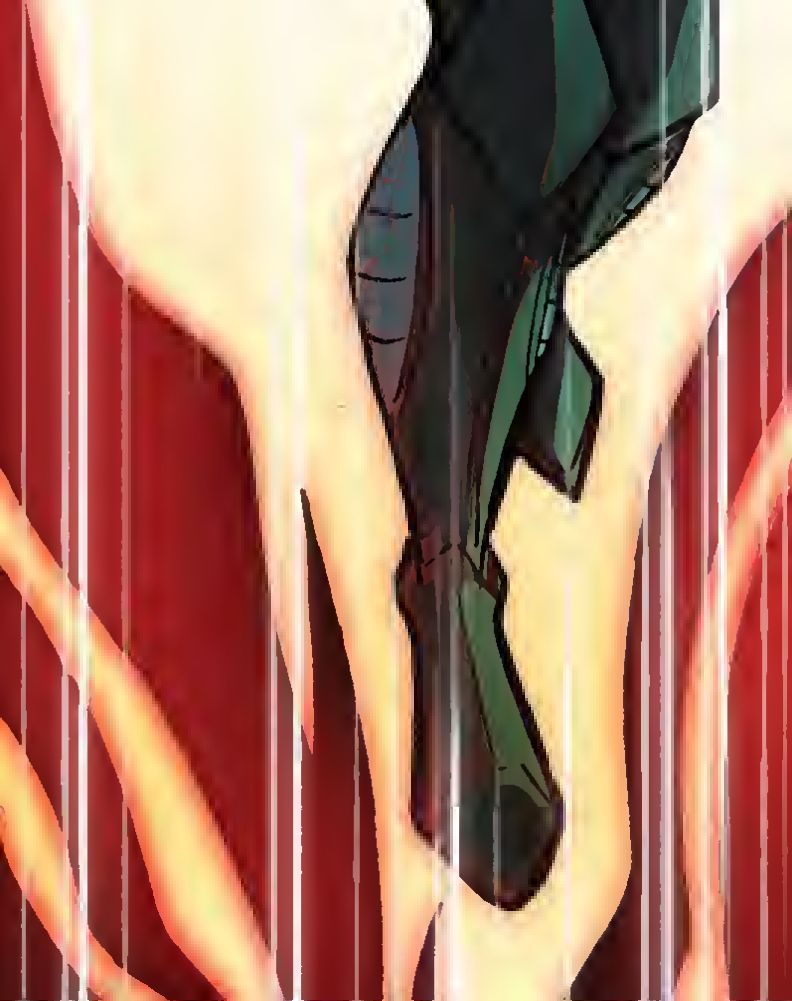
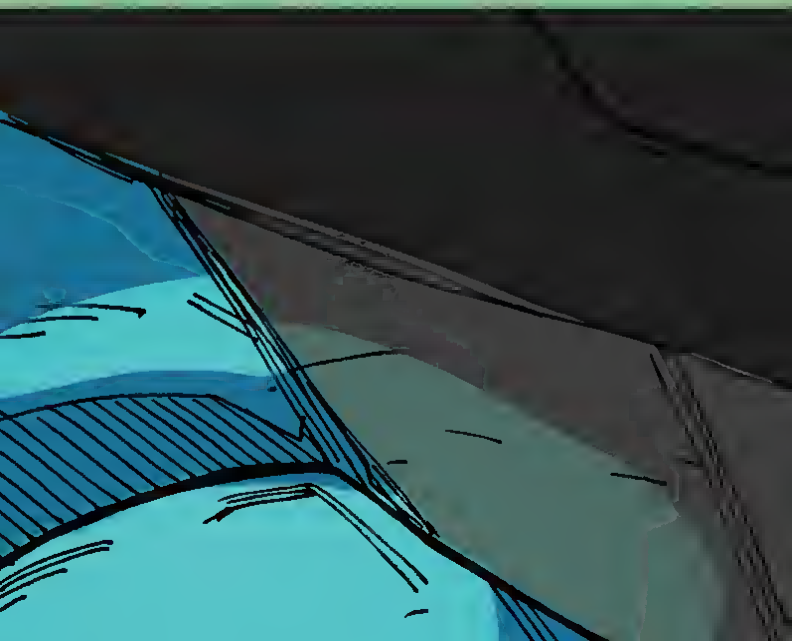

CIRCLE US AROUND. I NEED TO GET DOWN TO THE THAT PLATFORM
I'M NO PILOT BUT I'LL DO WHAT I CAN.
KEEP THE SHIP IN THE AIR. I'LL BE BACK.

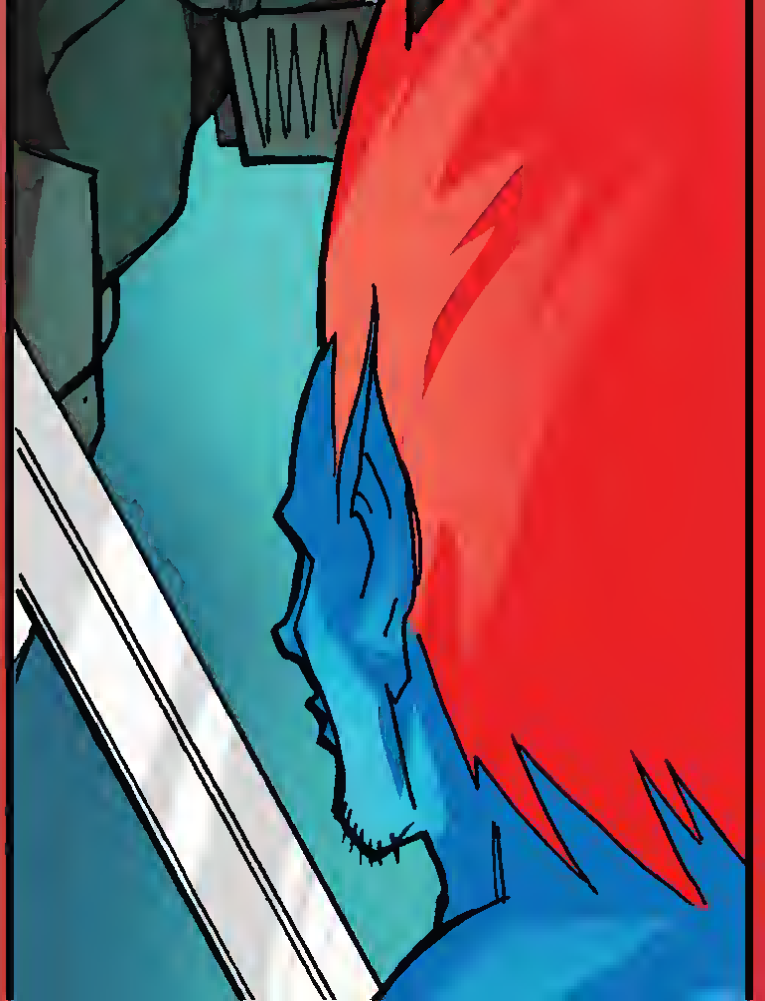
SHADOW
MAKE SHADOW
FLY



DON'T SPEAK TO HER THAT WAY!



STOP TOR! HE'LL KILL YOU.
GRRRRR!



DON'T YOU GET IT?

SHUT YOUR MOUTH!

KA-KLAK

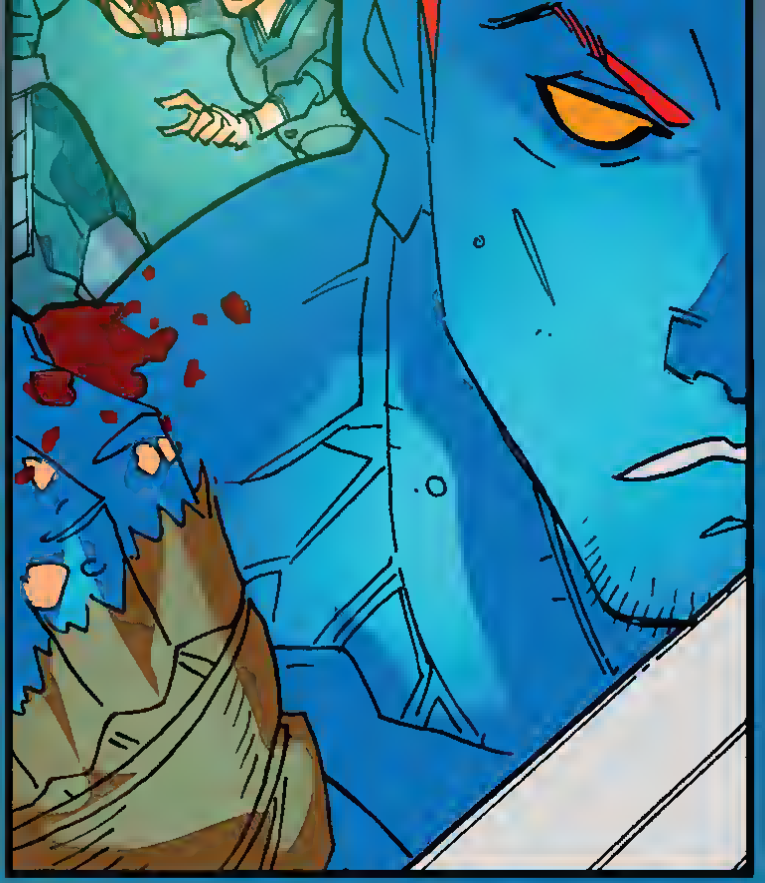
SHE PLAYED BOTH OF US YET YOU'LL FIGHT TO THE DEATH FOR HER?

I...
I LOVE HER!
...AND...
AND NOBODY IS PERFECT.

GRRR!

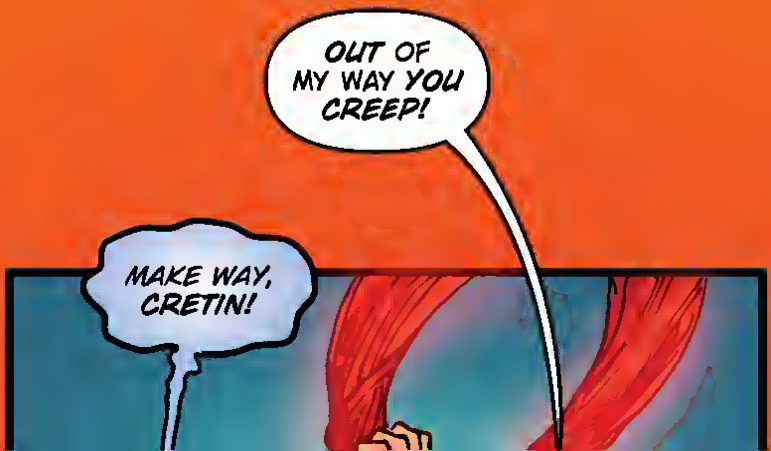
SHIKK

I KNOW HOW THAT FEELS. I LOVED HER ONCE AND THAT MADE ME WEAK. I'LL NEVER MAKE THAT MISTAKE AGAIN.



YOU KNOW NOTHING OF HOW I "FEEL". NO MORE GAMES COLT CONNORS. NOW YOU WILL BE CRUSHED UNDER THE MIGHT OF MY ARMY'S

BOOT.

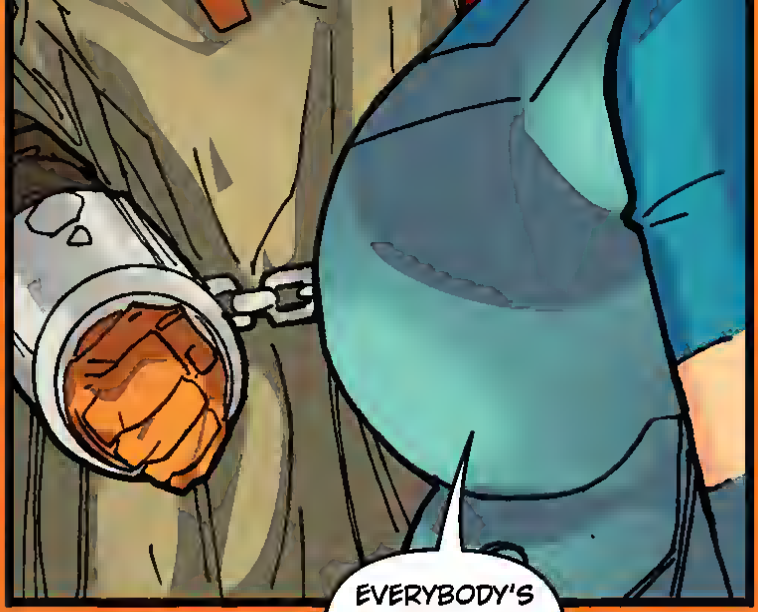

OUT OF MY WAY YOU CREEP!
MAKE WAY, CRETIN!

KA-KRAK

TASTE THE BITTER DREGS OF DEFEAT! SPEAK OF MY LEGEND TO YOUR COMPATRIOTS!
CHA-KRK

WE ARE HERE TO RESCUE YOU.

YOU CALL THIS A RESCUE?


EVERYBODY'S A CRITIC. ARE YOU COMING OR NOT?

KA-KLINK

DO I REALLY HAVE A CHOICE?

NOT IF YOU WANT TO LIVE. LET'S GO!

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